

***Direct Deposits Hit April 28, Checks Start May 16***

**San Antonio, TX**-Congressman Ciro D. Rodriguez (TX-23) today announced that Recovery Rebates are going out ahead of schedule and urged Texans to beware of an increasing number of rebate scams. Instead of direct deposits of rebates beginning Friday, May 2, as originally announced, they will begin this coming Monday, April 28, 2008. The announcement comes the week before Rodriguez will take a train trip across his district from El Paso to San Antonio with stops in Alpine, Sanderson, and Del Rio to talk about getting our economy back on track.

“The recovery rebate I supported in Congress is important to getting our economy back on track but people need to be aware that there is fraudulent activity happening and should be careful with their personal information,” said Rodriguez. “Law enforcement and the IRS are doing everything they can to prevent this activity.”

Scam artists are using the recovery rebates to try to steal taxpayers' identities by calling unsuspecting taxpayers and posing as IRS Agents. As an example, an imposter will often say that a rebate is being processed, but in order to complete it, they need a Social Security and bank account number. The federal government does NOT call taxpayers requesting personal information. If anyone receives a call like this, they should hang up and immediately report the activity to the IRS by calling **1-800-366-4484**.

Starting on Monday, April 28, 2008, Americans will begin receiving Recovery Rebates as a result of the bipartisan Economic Stimulus package passed by Congress. The package became law in February and provides rebate checks of up to \$600 per individual and \$1,200 per married couple, plus an additional \$300 per child. These recovery rebates for 130 million families will help families afford the high costs of gas, health care and groceries, and jumpstart the slowing economy. The rebate is in addition to any refund eligible taxpayers have received.

Over the past few months the economic downturn has deepened - with rising prices for everything from gas to groceries, more Americans losing their homes or losing value in their homes, and rising unemployment. Rodriguez will work in a bipartisan way to find solutions for the immediate crisis and for a long-term economic recovery for America.

&quot;I will continue working to help keep families in their homes and aid to families who are struggling with rising gas and grocery prices,&quot; continued Rodriguez. &quot;I look forward to a continued dialogue with people about our need for an economic recovery.&quot;

### **Recovery Rebate Payment Schedule for Tax Returns Received and Processed by April 15**

The payment will be issued according to the last two digits of the main filer's Social Security number. Below is the schedule for the rebates distributed by the Internal Revenue Service.

#### **Direct Deposit Payments**

If the last two digits of your Social Security number are:

Your economic stimulus payment deposit should be sent to your bank account by:

00 - 20

May 2

21 - 75

May 9

76 - 99

May 16

**Paper Check**

If the last two digits of your Social Security number are:

Your check should be in the mail by:

00 - 09

May 16

10 - 18

May 23

19 - 25

May 30

26 - 38

June 6

39 - 51

June 13

52 - 63

June 20

64 - 75

June 27

76 - 87

July 4

88 - 99

July 11

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